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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE KUWAITI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MALI

REF: (A) KUWAIT 1866 (B) KUWAIT 2610

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1. KUWAIT DAILY AL-WATAN CITING INFORMED MINISTRY OF FINANCE SOURCES HAS REPORTED GOK HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE MALI FINANCIAL FACILITIES AMOUNTING TO \$10 MILLION.

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2. COMMENT: KUWAITI NEWSPAPER REPORTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY AUTHORITATIVE, BUT WE JUDGE THAT POSSIBILITY DOES EXIST THERE MAY BE SOME TRUTH TO WATAN STORY. GOK HAS IN A FEW SELECTED INSTANCES PROVIDED SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, USUALLY IN FORM OF LARGE DEPOSIT IN LOCAL BANK - POSSIBLE THEREFORE THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WAS AGREED UPON DURING RECENT VISIT HERE OF PRESIDENT TRAORE (REF A). SUCH ASSISTANCE NORMALLY
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IS KEPT SECRET BY GOK AND IS QUITE DISTINCT AND DIFFERENT TO

WHATEVER PUBLIC, PROJECT ASSISTANCE MAY BE PROVIDED THROUGH
KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH, AS NOTED REF
B, HAS AGREED TO FINANCE IRRIGATION AND CEMENT PROJECT STUDIES.
ASSUMING STUDIES INDICATE THOSE PROJECTS FEASIBLE, GOOD CHANCE
KFAED WOULD FINANCE PROJECTS THEMSELVES.
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